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## Accelerating Business Expansion, Brand Awareness & Global Market Growth in Asian Countries INDUSTRY FOCUS: HEALTHCARE, MEDICAL, INFANT & ADULT NUTRITIONAL & FOOD PRODUCTS CLIENT BASE: STARTUP, EMERGING & FAST-GROWTH ENTITIES

#### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND & EXPERTISE:

Held impressive career with Nestle Company—handpicked by senior management for increasingly challenging leadership roles throughout Asia, Middle East and South Africa.

Achieved notable success for company through, **business turnaround, new product development, new market penetration** and **revenue growth** in competitive, unpredictable market conditions and changing consumer needs.

## PERSONAL BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:

"I strongly believe that leadership matters and is often the driving force between average and stellar work performance. Great leadership is about laying out a clear, compelling vision, sound business objectives and giving the team the support and confidence to execute. I believe in being honest and realistic with managers and employees so that in times of crisis and turmoil, a business has a greater chance of surviving no matter what kind of obstacles the market brings."

## PEAK LEADERSHIP SUCCESSES:

- GLOBAL REVENUE GROWTH: Achieved double-digit revenue growth over 5-year period for medical nutritional products in Australia, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the ASEAN countries (Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, and Vietnam), India, lower Gulf of Middle East and South Africa.
- TURNAROUND MANAGEMENT: Revitalized and recharged business growth in *China* market, a previously dormant market for medical nutritional products.
- INTERNATIONAL TEAM LEADERSHIP: Generated 25% annual revenue growth in healthcare nutrition products through innovative operational teams in *South Africa, Middle East, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong* and *Taiwan.*
- MARKET EXPANSION: Resurrected top business performance, increased market share 6% and surpassed entire region's results despite steep market competition in the infant and healthcare nutrition products in *Thailand*.
- NEW BUSINESS STARTUP: Launched medical nutritional products business from scratch in emerging Asian markets, (India, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand) South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Brazil with limited marketing and budget resources.

# KEY BUSINESS ADVISORY & CONSULTING STRENGTHS:

- Trusted leadership and industry knowledge to evaluate key global business challenges devise strategic operating plan and implement unconventional solutions in startup, turnaround and fast-growth business environments.
- Proven expertise in executing swift, strategic responses to emerging industry trends, growing consumer needs and evolving cultural and economic conditions in highly global competitive markets.
- Documented success in revitalizing stagnant, underperforming divisions, re-engaging operational/sales teams, strengthening customer service and producing sustainable global businesses.

#### **Core Competencies**

Profit & Revenue Growth Operations Turnaround Business Revitalization Brand Building Strategies Global Market Expansion Licensing & Agreements Global Joint Ventures Strategic Partnerships Global Team Leadership Product Distribution New Market Penetration New Product Development Strategic Vision / Planning

#### Academic Training

London Business School Global Institute of Management Harvard University